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SUMMARY: ALL PAPERS FEATURE HAK-GROMYKO GENEVA MEETINGS  
PROMINENTLY. MOST HIGHLIGHT SOV CONCESSION FOR ONE MORE  
ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN DISENGAGEMENT TRY BEFORE HEADING FOR  
GENEVA. LONE EXCEPTION IS NYTIMES WHICH LEADS WITH HAK-  
GROM WINDING UP THEIR TALKS "IN DISAGREEMENT OVER MIDDLE  
EAST." IN ADDITION TO SCHMIDT REPORT ON ME PROGRESS, CSM  
HAS SECOND PAGE ONE DISPATCH FROM SCHMIDT (AND JOHN  
COOLEY) ON HAK'S DISCUSSIONS WITH SAUDIS ON OIL FLOOR  
PRICE. KEATLEY'S FULL REPORT BEING SENT SEPTTEL. END  
SUMMARY.

WASHPOST, BERGER, PAGE ONE, HEADLINED "GROMYKO KISSINGER  
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CONFER, GENEVA TALKS ON MIDEAST SEEN DEFERRED." (PIX OF  
STATES HAK "WON SOME EXTRA TIME FROM THE SOVIET UNION TO  
NEGOTIATE A NEW AGREEMENT BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL." ADDS

HAK LEFT GENEVA "WITH SOME CONFIDENCE THAT THE SOVIETS WOULD NOT CAMPAIGN TO BLOCK THE ACCORD HE IS TRYING TO WORK OUT." STATES THAT SOV-US STATEMENT CONTAINS PHRASE "AT AN EARLY DATE," IN REFERENCE TO RESUMPTION OF GENEVA CONFERENCE, AND THAT "THIS WAS TERMED 'A SLIGHT NUANCE BETTER' FROM THE AMERICAN VIEWPOINT" THAN THE VLAD COMMUNIQUE TERMINOLOGY. SAYS SOVS "MAY HAVE HAD NO CHOICE BECAUSE EGYPT HAS CAST ITS LOT WITH KISSINGER'S STEP-BY-STEP APPROACH," AND THAT HAK CONTENTS SOVS WILL NOT BE OBSTRUCTIONIST AS LONG AS THEY UNDERSTAND ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN ACCORD WILL BE FOLLOWED BY GENEVA CONFERENCE RESUMPTION. STATES "MAJOR REASON" FOR MEETINGS IN GENEVA WAS "SAID TO BE" KEEPING SOVS INFORMED OF US MOVES. SAYS HAK "IS DESCRIBED AS BEING READY TO RETURN TO THE GENEVA CONFERENCE AFTER AN ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN ACCORD, SINCE IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO GET ANY OTHER AGREEMENTS THROUGH THE STEP-BY-STEP PROCESS."

BERGER SAYS, "WHILE THE USUALLY STONY-FACED GROMYKO WAS JOVIAL ... ONE PARTICIPANT SAID THE RUSSIAN SEEMED READIER TO ACCUSE THE US OF BAD FAITH. THERE WERE SOME POINTS, REPORTERS WERE TOLD, ON WHICH GROMYKO EXPRESSED HIS VIEWS WITH 'GREAT DIRECTNESS' BUT ALWAYS MAKING SURE TO STAY 'SHORT OF THE PRECIPICE.'" SAYS "IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THAT KISSINGER ... BEGAN PROBING TO DETERMINE WHETHER MOSCOW WOULD BEGIN TO PERMIT EMIGRATION TO INCREASE 'IMPERCEPTIBLY.' THE KISSINGER ARGUMENT IS THAT THE ISSUE MUST BE REMOVED FROM PUBLIC VIEW FOR IT TO BE RESOLVED. REPORTERS ... WERE TOLD THAT THE SECRETARY ALSO PLANNED TO DISCUSS WITH THE SOVIETS POSSIBLE 'GUARANTEES' OF A ME SETTLEMENT AT SOME TIME IN THE FUTURE. BUT IT WAS SAID THE USE OF SOVIET OR AMERICAN TROOPS WAS OUT OF THE QUESTION." BERGER STATES REPORTERS WERE TOLD HAK PRESENTED A NUMBER OF US IDEAS ON IMPLEMENTING THE VLAD AGREEMENT, IDEAS "WHICH WERE SAID TO HAVE BEEN 'SERIOUSLY RECEIVED.'" UNCLASSIFIED

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NYDAILY NEWS, CARTER, WITH SNAPSHOT OF GROM, HEADLINED ACROSS TOP PAGE TWO "SOVIETS GIVE K MORE TIME ON PEACE.: CARTER LEADS HAK AND GROM AGREED ON 'EARLY DATE' GENEVA CONFERENCE RESUMPTION. NO DATE SET BUT GROM "INDICATED THAT THE RUSSIANS WOULD NOT OBSTRUCT KISSINGER'S STEP-BY-STEP PEACEMAKING IN THE MEANTIME." FOLLOWS WITH "A COMMUNIQUE SAID THAT FOR THE FIRST TIME DURING THEIR TALKS, HAK AND GROM HAD BEGUN WORK ON A US-SOVIET SALT TREATY, TO WHICH PRES FORD AND BREZ

AGREED IN PRINCIPLE IN VLAD. SAYS THAT ON FLIGHT TO LONDON SENIOR OFFICIAL SAID US-SOV "RELATIONS APPEAR TO BE FAIRLY GOOD DESPITE THE KREMLIN'S RECENT

CANCELLATION OF THE US-SOVIET TRADE PACT." STATES THE OFFICIAL SAID THESE GENEVA TALKS "WERE SLIGHTLY STIFFER THAN PREVIOUS" HAK-GROM MEETINGS "AND A SHADE MORE DIFFICULT. BUT THE BASIC ATMOSPHERE WAS DESCRIBED AS STILL BEING 'RATHER JOVIAL.', CARTER, ONE OF ONLY

FEW REPORTERS WHO PICK UP MENTION OF PALESTINIANS IN JOINT STATEMENT, STATES THIS REFERENCE "WAS ROUGHLY THE SAME AS THAT IN COMMUNIQUE AFTER PREVIOUS US-SOVIET MEETINGS." STATES "KISSINGER PLANS TO RETURN TO THE REGION NEXT MONTH FOR INTENSIVE NEGOTIATIONS TO TRY TO WRAP UP A NEW EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT."

LATIMES, RESTON, PAGE ONE HEADLINE, "RUSS AGREE TO MORE FLEXIBLE MIDEAST STAND, KISSINGER-GROMYKO STATEMENT SOFTENS GENEVA POSITION." STATES HAK AND GROM AGREED TO AN EARLY-DATE RESUMPTION OF THE ME PEACE CONFERENCE, AN AGREEMENT WHICH "MARKED A SHIFT IN THE SOVIET POSITION TOWARD A MORE FLEXIBLE RESPONSE TO KISSINGER'S ROLE IN THE ME AS A PEACEMAKER." STATES THAT SENIOR AMERICAN OFFICIAL SAID THE CHANGE IN LANGUAGE BETWEEN THE GENEVA JOINT STATEMENT AND THE VLAD COMMUNIQUE "WAS DELIBERATE AND WAS MEANT TO SHOW AT LEAST A SLIGHT CHANGE OF THE SOVIET POSITION."

RESTON DEVOTES CONSIDERABLE SPACE TO SALT NEGOTIATIONS AND INCLUDES COMMENT FROM SENIOR OFFICIALS THAT HAK UNCLASSIFIED

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"BELIEVES THE US AND SOVIET SIDES WILL SPEND ROUGHLY ANOTHER FOUR WEEKS SPARRING AT THE NEGOTIATING TABLE. WITH A FINAL DECISION TO MOVE AHEAD, KISSINGER BELIEVES THE MAJOR PROBLEMS ON LIMITING OFFENSIVE NUCLEAR WEAPONS CAN BE RESOLVED IN TWO MONTHS." SAYS SAME US OFFICIAL PLAYED DOWN SIGNIFICANCE OF NO REFERENCE TO BREZHNEV'S TRIP TO US IN JOINT STATEMENT, SAYING BREZ'S ITINERARY REMAINS ABOUT THE SAME BUT THAT DATES WILL DEPEND ON THE PACE OF THE ARMS TALKS.

CSM, SCHMIDT, PAGE ONE HEADLINE "KISSINGER HOLDS MIDEAST TEMPO, SECRETARY TELLS GROMYKO ANOTHER WITHDRAWAL LIKELY BEFORE HAVING TO RESUME GENEVA PARLAY." LEADS WITH "SIGNS FROM ISRAEL AND EGYPT THAT THE SECRETARY'S TOUR OF THE ME LAST WEEK WAS HAVING JUST THE RESULTS HE HAD

SOUGHT -- MOVEMENT TOWARD AN INTERIM SETTLEMENT." LABELS THIS AS "THE MOST IMPORTANT THING" HAK HAD TO DISCUSS WITH GROM. NOTES THAT "THE RUSSIANS SUSPECT - RIGHTLY -

THAT THE AMERICANS WANT TO MAINTAIN THE POSITION OF DIPLOMATIC DOMINANCE WHICH THEY WON AS RESULT OF DR. KISSINGER'S SUCCESS IN NEGOTIATING DISENGAGEMENT AGREE-

MENTS ... (AND THERE WAS LITTLE HAK COULD TELL GROM) TO  
DISPEL THIS CONVICTION." CITES AS "ENCOURAGING NEWS:"  
1. ISRAELI LEADERS HAVING "COME TO THE CONCLUSION, AFTER  
CAREFUL STUDY BY THEIR LEGAL EXPERTS, THAT A DECLARATION  
OF NON-BELIGERENCE BY EGYPT ... WOULD NOT, AFTER ALL,  
BE NECESSARY. THE EXPERTS AGREED WITH WHAT KISSINGER  
TOLD THEM: THAT A NONBELLIGERENCY DECLARATION WAS  
TANTAMOUNT TO DECLARING PEACE AND MORE THAN THE EGYPTIANS  
COULD BE EXPECTED TO SWALLOW AT THIS TIME. IT WOULD  
THEREFORE BE SUFFICIENT FOR EGYPT TO PROMISE TO 'REFRAIN  
FROM WARFARE.'" 2. FAHMY TELLING "A GATHERING OF  
INFORMATION SPECIALISTS IN BEIRUT THAT HE EXPECTED A  
LIMITED ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL ON THE EGYPTIAN AND SYRIAN  
FRONTS BEFORE THE END OF JUNE;" AND CALLING HAK'S VISIT  
"PROMISING." FAHMY ALSO DENIED ANY RIFT BETWEEN SYRIA  
AND EGYPT ON STEP-BY-STEP DIPLOMACY, SOMETHING ALSO  
INDICATED BY SENIOR AMERICAN OFFICIALS WHO SAID  
ASSAD WOULD LIKE TO TALK ABOUT A FIVE-OR-SIX KILOMETER  
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ISRAELI GOLAN WITHDRAWAL. SCHMIDT TERMS THE SYRIAN  
PROBLEM AS THE "STICKIEST" BECAUSE THE ISRAELIS "SAY  
THEY COULD MOVE ONLY IN THE FRAMEWORK OF A TOTAL PEACE  
SETTLEMENT. AND THE EGYPTIANS WILL MOVE ONLY IN CONCERT  
WITH THE SYRIANS."

SEPARATE CSM REPORT FROM SCHMIDT ON PAGE ONE IS  
HEADLINED "KISSINGER QUEST FOR CHEAPER OIL." SCHMIDT  
STATES SENIOR US OFFICIALS SAID FAISAL AND YAMANI "HAD  
GIVEN GENERAL SUPPORT TO THE US PLAN" FOR LONG-TERM OIL-  
PURCHASE AGREEMENTS AT A FIXED FLOOR PRICE. ONE  
OFFICIAL ON THE SECRETARY'S PLANE SAID ONE OPEC MEMBER  
HAD ALREADY PROMISED SUPPORT FOR THE "FLOOR PRICE DEAL IN  
EXCHANGE FOR LONG-TERM US AID COMMITMENTS" BUT REFUSED  
TO NAME THE COUNTRY. SCHMIDT STATES "THIS EXCHANGE  
WITH THE OFFICIAL MISTAKENLY LED SOME CORRESPONDENTS TO  
REPORT THAT THE US HAD ABANDONED THE POLICY OF COLLECTIVE  
ACTION BY CONSUMERS ... AND NOW WAS READY TO DEAL  
BILATERALLY." STATES HAK "SAYS THAT THE HIGH OPEC  
PRICE ... IS ALREADY CRUMBLING UNDER THE PRESSURE OF  
(EUROPEAN AND US PRODUCTION REDUCTION REDUCTIONS)  
AND FURTHER ECONOMIES, NOT TO MENTION ALTERNATIVE SOURCES  
OF ENERGY." MENTIONS LIBYA AS SHOWING "SIGNS OF WILLING-  
NESS TO CUT PRICES" AND SOME OPEC COUNTRIES, NOTABLY  
HIGH PRICES.

TAG-ON TO SCHMIDT BY JOHN COOLEY OUT OF BEIRUT LEADS

"REPORTS REACHING HERE SUGGEST NO SAUDI ARABIAN  
ENTHUSIASM" FOR HAK'S FLOOR-PRICE PROPOSAL. SAYS  
REUTERS QUOTED YAMANI DENYING THAT HE AND HAK "HAS  
DISCUSSED DRAFT ACCORDS BETWEEN PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS AT

PRICES BELOW THE CURRENT LEVEL., CITES ME ECONOMIC SURVEY STATING "US POLICY AIMS 'TO BREAK THE POWER' OF OPEC WHICH IT REGARDS AS A CARTEL. THE US ALSO WANTS 'TO RAM THROUGH A SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTION OF OPEC OIL PRICES, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME PROTECTING THE IEA MEMBERS' ON SUBSTITUTE ENERGY PROJECTS BEHIND A TARIFF WALL OR BY OTHER MEANS OF DOMESTIC PRICE SUPPORT. TRUE, HINTS HAVE BEEN PUT OUT THAT THE US-IEA GROUP WOULD BE PREPARED TO CONSIDER SOME FORM OF INDEXING OF UNCLASSIFIED

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OIL PRICES ONCE OPEC HAD AGREED TO LOWER THE BASE PRICE,' BUT THIS WOULD MEAN THE END OF OPEC'S POWER AND WOULD THEREFORE BE REJECTED BY ALL OPEC MEMBERS."

NYTIMES, GWERTZMAN, IS SOLE DISSENTER TO UPBEAT REPORTS ON CONCLUSION OF HAK-GROM MEETING. HEADLINES: "KISS-INGER TALKS WITH GROMYKO END WITH RIFT ON MIDEAST, RUSSIANS SAID TO ACCUSE US OF EXCLUDING SOVIET FROM DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS." GWERTZMAN REPORTS GROM'S STATEMENT THAT "THERE WERE QUESTIONS ON WHICH OUR POSITIONS DID NOT EXACTLY COINCIDE" AND HAK'S CONCURRENCE WITH THIS STATEMENT. SAYS NEWSMEN WERE TOLD ON THE PLANE THAT GROM "HAD URGED THE IMMEDIATE RECONVENING OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE ... AND HAD ACCUSED THE US OF BAD FAITH IN EXCLUDING THE SOVIET

UNION FROM THE ME DIPLOMACY." ADDS THAT NOW "KISSINGER BELIEVES THE RUSSIANS ARE UNLIKELY TO MOUNT A CAMPAIGN TO SABOTAGE HIS APPROACH." MENTIONS AMERICAN BELIEF OF THE INEVITABILITY OF THE RECONVENING OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE AND DESCRIBES THE ATMOSPHERE OF THE TALKS "AS SOMEWHAT MORE FORMAL AND SLIGHTLY MORE ABRASIVE THAN IN PREVIOUS SESSIONS, BUT ON THE WHOLE 'JOVIAL.'"

ON OTHER SUBJECTS DISCUSSED, GWERTZMAN STATES THE TWO SIDES DISAGREED ON CYRPUS; HAK RAISED THE POSSIBILITY OF ANOTHER TRADE AGREEMENT; DISCUSSED NEW PROPOSALS MADE BY HAK ON SALT; THE US "DISCERNED SOVIET FLEXIBILITY ON EXTENDING THE AGREED 150 KILOTON LIMIT ON" PNE APPLICATIONS; STILL DISAGREED ON SOME ASPECTS OF CSCE "BUT THE AMERICANS BELIEVE THE ISSUES CAN BE SOLVED; AND DISCUSSED BREZ'S US TRIP. STATES GROM RAISED THE POSSIBILITY OF AN AGREEMENT TO LIMIT ARMS TO THE ME IN THE CONTEXT OF A FINAL SETTLEMENT, BUT "THE AMERICANS BELIEVE SUCH AN ACCORD WOULD BE INEFFECTUAL UNLESS THE

FRENCH AND OTHER ARMS PRODUCERS ALSO ADHERED."

AFTERNOON WIRES

UPI (NO BYLINE) FROM ZURICH LEADS "KISSINGER WON

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APPARENT AGREEMENT TODAY FROM THE SHAH TO KEEP IRANIAN OIL SUPPLIES FLOWING TO ISRAEL IF ISRAEL RETURNS THE CAPTURED SINAI DESERT ABU RUDEIS OILFIELDS TO EGYPT. BUT THERE WAS NO BREAKTHROUGH ON OIL PRICES." STATES THE SHAH "REITERATED HIS POSITION AFTER A 2 1/2 HOUR MEETING WITH KISSINGER THAT ONCE IRANIAN OIL HAS BEEN LOADED ON TANKERS, THE DESTINATION IS UNIMPORTANT." SAYS "THE SHAH WAS REPLYING TO QUESTIONS ABOUT THE ABU RUDEIS OILFIELDS - WHICH AMERICAN OFFICIALS SAID HAD BEEN AT THE TOP OF KISSINGER'S QUESTIONS TO" HIM. ADDS THAT "THE SHAH ALSO SAID THAT OIL PRICES SHOULD CORRESPOND TO INFLATION RATES IN THE INDUSTRIALIZED WORLD. 'I AM CONCERNED ABOUT KEEPING A CONSTANT PURCHASING POWER,' HE SAID." NOTED THAT HAK "RESTRICTED HIMSELF TO CHARACTERIZING US-IRANIAN RELATIONS AS 'EXTREMELY CLOSE.'" SAYS SHAH "ALSO REITERATED HIS OPPOSITION TO ANY ARAB OIL EMBARGO." BEFORE REVIEWING HAK'S MOVEMENTS FOR THE DAY, STATES THAT "SHAH HAD INVITED HIM TO MEET AT ZURICH FOLLOWING HINTS FROM THE US THAT SUCH A MEETING MIGHT BE USEFUL."

AP, SCHWEID, WITH SIMILAR REPORT FROM ZURICH, SAYS THE SHAH "GAVE SEEMING ASSURANCE TODAY THAT IRAN IS READY TO REPLACE ANY OIL ISRAEL MIGHT LOSE IF IT RETURNED TO EGYPT THE ABU RUSEIS OILFIELDS IN ANY NEW SINAI AGREEMENT WORKD OUT BY" HAK. SAYS THE SHAH "ALSO MAKE PLAIN THAT IRAN WOULD NOT JOIN IN ANY ECONOMIC BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL ... (AND) WOULD NOT BE PART OF ANY OIL EMBARGO AGAINST WESTERN CONSUMER COUNTRIES."

SEPERATE AP ITEM FROM LONDON REPORTS ;AK WAS "IMPRESSED" WITH NEW CONSERVATIVE PARTY LEADER MARGARET THATCHER.

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